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and the Mexican National Lines will begin at once the construction of disinfecting rooms at their respective stations. My work has been and will be greatly hampered by the short business hours and slow methods which prevail in Mexico. Dr. Turpin having arrived, I will proceed to-morrow to San Luis Potosi, Tampico, and Monterey and inspect and report on those places, and install the inspectors. By the time I return to Mexico the slips and baggage labels will be ready and our identification system will be ready to be placed in operation.

Respectfully, yours,

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*Report of yellow fever in Cordoba.*

VERA CRUZ, MEXICO, *June 26, 1899.*

SIR: According to your instructions of June 13, I visited Cordoba and have the honor to make the following report:

There are at present 5 cases of yellow fever in the town, 3 cases being confined in the pesthouse, and 2 among the inhabitants. The authorities seem to have the epidemic under control in the city, but, as some cases have appeared in the suburbs and adjacent villages, I think that the city will be in constant danger of an outbreak of the fever at any time. About 4 miles from Cordoba are the quarries of Pearson & Son, contractors for the harbor improvements of Vera Cruz, and constant communication is kept up between Vera Cruz and the quarries, and the quarries and Cordoba. The sanitary condition of the town is bad. There are no quarantine restrictions against Vera Cruz or other infected localities. From a quarantine standpoint, I consider all points this side of the City of Mexico suspicious, both on the Mexican and interoceanic railroads. A full report of Cordoba I will forward to-morrow. The fever here has assumed a milder form, though the mortality has increased greatly over that of last week. The shipping continues free from infection.

Respectfully, yours,

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*Yellow fever on bark in harbor of Vera Cruz.*

VERA CRUZ, MEXICO, *July 1, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that the Spanish bark *Dolores Romano* has had an outbreak of yellow fever aboard. Thursday evening a physician reported 4 cases on board, and yesterday, when the quarantine officer visited her, he found 3 more cases. The sick were removed to the hospital San Sebastian, and the vessel with the remainder of the crew was moved out to the far side of the harbor and was disinfected and fumigated. The crew originally consisted of 14; 7 are in the hospital and 5 are aboard the ship, 2 having deserted before the outbreak of fever. The ship came from Hamburg with a load of tiles, and has been here about two weeks. Sulphur was used for fumigating, and the cabin and forecabin were washed with a bichloride solution. The bilge, scuppers, and closets were washed with a 5 per cent solution of sulphate of copper. The vessel is now lying directly to the windward of the